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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: General Truscott's Report on Collection of
Scientific Intelligence

1. General Truscott has submitted a report on the coordination of the collection of scientific intelligence [redacted]

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The Situation

2. He points out the following situations:

a. There is a need for improving the collection of scientific and technical intelligence on the Soviet Orbit [redacted]

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b. In the scientific field there are evidences of lack of adequate and coordinated effort among U. S. intelligence agencies:

(1) Duplication in covering sources of information leading to damage to source relationships;

(2) Ineffective use of the small number of technically competent people available in all of the collection services;

(3) Unnecessary administrative burden in each Headquarters, including duplication in the preparation and maintenance of files and reference materials;

(4) Inadequate guidance of the collection effort;

(5) Lack of consultation among the units on common operating problems leading to possible security breaches;

(6) Instances of unhappy incidents [redacted]

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Action Proposed

3. The following summarizes the major actions which General Truscott proposes to take to meet the foregoing situation: The Scientific Division, Office of Intelligence, HICOG, which is now being transferred to General Truscott will be:

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